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THE PRICE OF A DRINK.

"Five cents a glass!" Does any one think
That that is really the price of a drink?
"Five cent a glass," I heard you say,
"Why, that is not much to pay."

Ah, no, indeed, 'tis a very small sum
You are passing over 'twixt finger and thumb;
And if it were all that you gave away,
It would't be very much to pay.

The price of a drink! Let him decide
Who has lost his courage and lost his pride,
And lies o'er grovelling heap of clay,
Not far removed from a beat to-day.

The price of a drink! Let that one tell
Who sleeps to-night in a taurer's cell,
And feels within him the fires of hell.
Honor and virtue, love and truth,
All the glory and pride of youth,
Hopes of manhood, and wreath of fame,
High endeavour and noble aim—
These are the treasures thrown away
As the price of a drink, from day to day.

"Five cents a glass!" How Satan laughed,
As over the bar the young man quaffed
The beaded liquor, for the demon knew
The terrible work that drink will do!
And before morning the victim lay
With his life-blood swiftly ebbing away;
And that was the price he paid, alas!
For the pleasure of taking a social glass.

The price of a drink? If you want to know
What some are willing to pay for it, go
Through that wretched tenement over there,
With dingy windows and broken stair,
Where foul disease, like a vampire crawls
With outstretched wings o'er the mouldy walls.

There poverty dwells with her hungry brood,
Wild-eyed as demons for lack of food;
There shame, in a corner, crouches low;
There violence deals its cruel blow;
The innocent ones are thus accursed
To pay the price of another's thirst.

"Five cents a glass!" Oh, if that were all,
The sacrifice would indeed be small.
But the money's worth is the least amount
We pay; and whoever will keep account
Will learn the terrible waste and blight
That follows the ruinous appetite.
"Five cents a glass!" Does any one think
That is really the price of a drink?

—Harper's Bazar.

WHY IS IT.

A. H. HUTCHINSON.

When we walk the crowded sidewalks
In the city streets at night,
And we hear a person calling
In a tone of pain or fright,
Everyone will pause and listen,
Or will rush to carry aid
To the person (though a stranger)
Who the cry for help has made.

But a hundred thousand victims
Meet their death in every year,
Calling loudly in their trouble
On the ones that will not hear;
And why is it that the fathers
Will not listen to the cry
Of their children in their trouble,
Who without their help would die?

And why is it that our people,
As they pass along the street,
Are not ready to give battle
To the murderers they meet?
For the man who deals the liquor
Is a murderer at heart;
Would to God that we could force them
From our land soon to depart.

But they grow far more insulting
As the years speed on their way,
And they daily make more drunkards
While they lead our boys astray.
Will not some one near the calling
Of the wretched, dying throng,
Which the growing stream, Intemperance,
In its currents whirls along?

Moderate Drinkers.

Prof. Bunge, one of the most eminent scientists of Europe and professor of physiological chemistry in the University Basle, Switzerland, thus pronounces against so-called moderate drinking: "It is through the degeneration of high ideals that alcohol exerts the mightiest force against the moral progress of mankind. Chronic, encephalic narcotizing leaves no sense of a high moral idea in the consciousness. The voice of conscience is smothered in drink, and whenever a hint of higher joys may be given, it is swept away in the resistless current of appetite. This pitiful loss soon makes itself manifest outwardly—the thought-like of a man is seen in his face. One has but to glance at the great army of drinkers to see how, little by little, the nobler traits of countenance disappear, and only a brutal expression remains. The half of mankind is thus distorted through so-called moderate drinking."

Semi-Annual Session

OF THE

GRAND DIVISION

S. of T.

Of NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Division of N. B. met in Odd-fellows Hall, Campbellton, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 22nd May, at 2 o'clock, G W P, Watts in the chair.

The following officers were absent: Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel, and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch.

Appointed to fill vacancies: Rep. G Haddow, G Chap; Rep. D Stewart, G Sent; Rep W J Robinson, P G W P.

The G W P then appointed the following committees:

CREDENTIALS.—H H Pitts, W H Price and W J Robinson.

ENROLMENT.—A Y Patterson, I Crawford and W C Anslow.

After service by the Grand Chap. the G Con. declared the Grand Division opened in due form.

Credential Committee reported credentials correct of the following representatives:—A J McKenzie, W E Barker, W P Bishop, A J Eddy, 332; R M Currie, J H Galbraith, A Miller, J A McIntyre, 259; J McMillan, R Jardine, 300; Mrs. H H Pitts, 257.

On motion report of Credential Committee was received and adopted.

The above named representatives were introduced and initiated members of the Grand Division.

Moved by Rep. Price, Resolved, that members of Subordinate division giving the quarterly password be admitted as visitors during the sessions of this G. D. adopted.

Resolved, that P. G. W. P. Robinson obligate any representatives presenting themselves for initiation during the remainder of the session.

Resolved, That the reading of the Journals be dispensed with, and that it be accepted and approved of. The Grand Worthy Patriarch then read his report.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH'S REPORT.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.—Meeting as we do under such favorable auspices in this our semi-annual session, permit me to tender you hearty greetings, and to express the hope that at its close we may separate bearing with us the most pleasant feelings in reference to the manner and character of the work performed. May harmony prevail, and earnest desire for the advancement of our cardinal principle be the governing ambition, and our discussions and conclusions such as shall bring approval to our own consciences, advance the best interests of our Order, accrue to the betterment of our fellows, and merit the favor and blessing of the Great Patriarch above.

OUR ORDER.

I need not weary you with the presentation of an array of statistics to show the present standing of our Order; these will be given you in detail by our Grand Scribe. I may be permitted, however to congratulate you on the present comparatively prosperous condition of our work. The Grand Scribe's report will show a gratifying increase in membership since our Annual Session with an encouraging prospect for a continuous increase during the remaining months of the year.

Since October last many of the existing Divisions have augmented their membership; six Divisions for some time dormant, have been resuscitated, and nine new Divisions organized. But while this affords us grounds for gratitude and hope, let us not forget that there still remains a large field within our jurisdiction awaiting cultivation; the vineyard spreads out invitingly before us and the strongest ties that can draw humanity to humanity appeal to us in earnest tones to go forth and till and occupy. Holding as our Order does a foremost rank among the moral and temperance forces of the day, let us be true to our principles, faithful to our obligations,

and desperately determined that amid all the signal flags that float not one shall kiss a higher breeze than does that upon which is inscribed the inspiring motto Love, Purity and Fidelity.

DISTRICT DIVISIONS.

I am glad to be able to report that the question of forming District Divisions is receiving favorable consideration at the hands of the membership. In accordance with the instruction of this Grand Body your G W Patriarch and Grand Scribe, held a meeting shortly after the Grand Division session and proceeded to District the Province, as follows:

- District 1—City and County of St. John,
2—Charlotte,
3—Kings,
4—Albert,
5—Westmorland,
6—Kent,
7—Northumberland,
8—Gloucester,
9—Restigouche,
10—Queen's,
11—York,
12—Carleton.

Since that time the following District Divisions have been organized, with most flattering auspices, viz.; Gloucester, Albert, Restigouche, and St. John City and County, and already the good fruits resulting from such an organization are being seen. Other counties, namely, Kings and Carleton are taking the initial steps, and will doubtless, ere long, each have one of these valuable auxiliaries to our work. It is the duty, as it should be the pleasure of this Grand Division, as well as of every Subordinate Division to give this movement an active and hearty support.

CADETS OF TEMPERANCE.

There is nothing new or special to report in reference to our juvenile branch. Its importance has been discovered and acknowledged, but I fear is not receiving sufficient interest, certainly not the interest it deserves. Since our annual session two sections have been organized, and an increase visible in the existing sections. It is worthy of serious consideration whether some method may not be devised whereby this most important branch of our work may be promoted.

DISPENSATIONS AND VISITATIONS.

Acting in my judicial capacity I have granted dispensations to Gurney Division, No. 8; Dover, 70; Star of Hope, 279 and Jubilee, 335; to instal minors into office; and to St. Andrews, 353, to allow all members under 18 years of age to vote, on their complying with the requirements of the constitution.

A few constitutional questions, but these mostly of a trivial character, have been submitted for my decision, which decisions, so far as I am aware, have been generally satisfactory.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

So far, I regret to say, I have not been able, owing to the pressing cares of business, to make as many official visits as it was my desire and intention. I have been permitted, however, to visit Divisions in St. John, Charlotte, York and Carleton Counties, and shall, during the remaining term of my office, endeavor to call upon as many Divisions as I possibly can.

PROHIBITION.

The total annihilation of the liquor traffic is still our aim; its achievement should be our highest ambition. While there is much in the present aspect of the question to discourage, let us not lose heart, but looking back over the past and seeing what great things God has done for us; remembering the fact that to-day all civilized nations are discussing the question as to how best the evils resulting from the use of strong drinks may be remedied; remembering, too, that our cause, being based on the immutable laws of truth, is unquarable, let us move steadily forward until our great purposes are accomplished. What if we do suffer temporary defeats? Such is the history of all moral victories; Repulses should only prove as experiences from which to gather wisdom and strength to enable us to win still greater victories. Our cause is just; the hopes of the present centre in our fidelity to duty; the happiness of peoples yet unborn, hinge upon how we discharge the responsibilities placed upon us. Let us take hope then and go forward, remembering that eventually the issue must be in favor of the principles we fight for.

Freedom's battle once begun
Descends from bleeding sire to son;
Tho' battled oft is ever won.

We want now as never before, courage, backbone, determination and with these

added to a fixed faith in the justice of our cause, the battle may wage hot and furious and long, the obstacles to be overcome difficulty, the hindrances many, but He to whom we are indebted for all past success, will assuredly bring us out eventually gloriously triumphant.

Men of purpose! sound the tocsin

For the fray;

Men of courage; raise the war cry,

Lead the way;

Through the darkness forest streaming

Lo! the dawn of thought is gleaming,

And the sun of action beaming

Into day;

Men of purpose, truth, and courage,

Lead the way

Lo! the waiting ground is ready

For your toil;

Men of purpose, firm and steady;

Break the soil;

Broadcast sow the good seed over,

With firm hand the furrows cover;

Rout the hungry birds that hover

For the spoil;

Woman's friend and children's lover

Break the soil.

Upas trees ascend to heaven;

Lay them low.

Men of brain, with strength God given,

Strike the blow;

Strong of arm, the keen axe wielding,

Stout of heart, the giants yielding,

And your happy home yours shielding

From the foe;

Men of brain! with strength unyielding,

Strike the blow!

Foemen strong, 'mid roar and rattle,

Flock around!

Soldiers in the coming battle,

Stand your ground.

No time now to halt, or blunder,

Cleave their gleaming swords asunder.

While the nations watch and wonder,

Smile and frown;

Through the cannon's smoke and thunder

Ride them down!

Men of purpose! sound the tocsin

For the fray;

Men of courage! shout the war-cry,

Lead the way.

Hand in hand, in strength outgoing,

Heart to heart, with love o'erflowing,

Breast to breast, with fervor glowing,

Lead the fray;

Men of purpose, truth and courage!

Win the day!

LECTURE WORK.

The Propagation Committee, notwithstanding strenuous efforts, have not been able thus far to secure the services of a gentleman willing to enter upon the work of an organizer and lecturer. Negotiations however, are still going on with a gentleman whom we believe thoroughly competent for the mission, and the prospect almost sure that by the first of June we will have the gentleman actively at work in the field.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close without offering my sincere thanks to one and all of the membership for the courtesy and kindness shown me both in my individual and official capacity: to the Grand Scribe am I particularly indebted for the promptness and willingness with which he has responded to my calls for counsel and advice. Again acknowledging our indebtedness to a benign Providence for all the successes of the past and looking to the same source for guidance and support in the future let us enter upon the work of the session, and may its result be pleasure and benefit to ourselves and advantage to our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. WATTS,

G. W. P.

Campbellton, May 22nd. 1889.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the committee on the state of the Order.

GRAND SCRIBE'S REPORT.

Campbellton, May 22nd 1889.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members;—I herewith submit the following work of the Order in this jurisdiction during the six months ending March 31st as shown by the returns from Subordinate Divisions received at this office. I regret that more have not been received as it would enable me to make a more full report than I otherwise can.

Since making my annual report, nine new Divisions have been organized viz.

Sunbeam No. 351, Springfield, Kings County, Riverview No. 352, River View, Albert Co. St. George No. 353, St. John, Safe Refuge, No. 354, Anagance Ridge, Kings Co. Welsford No. 355, Welsford, Queens Co., Tracadie No. 356, Tracadie, Gloucester Co., Seaside No. 357, Youghal, Gloucester Co., St. Andrews No. 358, Charlotte Co., Whitteville No. 359, Whitneyville, Northumberland Co.

The following Divisions have been resuscitated.

Oxford No. 134, Lime Rock 207, Leading Star 274, Essex 288, Shediac 28, New Era 215.

Two sections of Cadets of Temperance have been instituted viz.: Mariners & Mechanics' No. 9, St. John, and Tuocrah No. 10, Weldford, Kent Co.

Returns have been received from eighty eight divisions for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1888, and from eighty-four for quarter ending March 31st, 1889.

The summary of returns received is as follows:

	Dec 31,	Mar 31,	Totals,
Number Initiated	497	725	1222
Joined by card	13	13	26
Reinstated	43	47	90
Withdrawn	164	122	286
Suspended	358	164	522
Ex'ld violating pledge	29	19	48
“ other causes	74	19	93
Died	12	9	21

From the above it will be seen there has been an increase of 368 members, notwithstanding the large number withdrawn and suspended. This shows that our Order is steadily gaining ground in the affections of the people in every part of this jurisdiction. The withdrawals are not members leaving the Order, but on account of their leaving the province. It is satisfactory to note that the number of suspensions for the last quarter has been less than for the previous quarters, and it is hoped that the barrier which has prevented the numerical increase of our Order is being removed.

I have also to report that District Divisions have been formed in the following counties: Gloucester, Albert, Restigouche and City and County of St. John. Preparations are now being made for forming them in Kings and Northumberland Counties, and no doubt in a short time there will be one in each of the remaining counties. These Divisions are the means of performing a vast amount of good if properly attended to; as the work intrusted to them is to build up and strengthen weak Divisions. Attention paid a weak Division at the proper time has saved it from suspending work, and caused it to continue and be of great benefit to its members and the locality in which it is placed.

Since we last met in Annual Session, death has entered our ranks, and deprived us of two who might be justly termed Fathers of our Order, whose names have been connected with it from their early years, and who for many years have been members of this Grand Division, and also of the National Division.

P G W P, Bro. Thos. W Bliss of Richibucto Division who died in January aged 75. He always held a prominent position in the Order, and was a zealous member of his Division up to the time of his death, and P G W A, Bro. C D Everett of Gurney Division, who died in April, aged 86. He filled various offices in that Division, becoming a representative to the Grand Division in 1852. He was fourteen years Grand Treasurer. In 1865 he filled the office of G W A and was elected a representative to the National Division. They were "faithful unto death," and have passed to their reward, but their memory will remain green to many who admired and revered them for their unflinching and noble efforts to stay the tide of intemperance in this province.

In accordance with a resolution at the Annual Session, one thousand copies containing the proceedings of the Semi-Annual and Annual Sessions of the Grand Division were published and distributed among the Subordinate Divisions.

The Forty-fifth Annual Session of the National Division will be held at Saratoga Springs, New York, commencing Wednesday, June 26, at 10 a. m.

While we all feel pleased and grateful for the work which has been accomplished, in the past, we must not feel satisfied, but must press on with renewed vigor to continue the work until the demon of intemperance is driven from our land, and the captives under his control are set free, there and then only will our task be completed, there and then only we'll be able to shout with grateful hearts, "victory is ours."

Fraternally Submitted,

D. THOMSON,

Grand Scribe.

Resolved, That the same be referred to committee on state of the order.

Financial report of the Grand Scribe read, and report of Treasurer.

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